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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 10 October 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1363rd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Request for hearing (A/C.4/52/2/Add.7)

2. Agenda items 18, 90, 91, 92 and 12 and 93

   Hearing of a representative of a Non-Self-Governing Territory: Guam

   Hearing of petitioners (A/C.4/52/2 and Add.1-7)

   General debate on all decolonization agenda items: item 18 (A/52/23 (Parts II, V-VI), A/C.4/52/L.3 and L.4), A/AC.109/2071-2072, 2074-2078, 2080-2082, 2084, 2086-2088, 2090); item 90 (A/52/23 (Part IV)* (Chapter VIII), A/52/365); item 91 (A/52/23 (Part III)*); item 92 (A/52/3* (Chapter V, section E), A/52/23 (Part IV)* (Chapter VII), A/52/185, A/AC.109/L.1866, E/1987/81 and Add.1); item 93 (A/52/388 and Add.1)

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 142 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations; United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi and proposals on the management of peacekeeping assets (A/50/907, A/50/905, A/51/985, A/51/803, A/51/957, A/52/380 and A/52/407))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 142 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations; Third party liability, detailed proposals on the implementation of death and disability benefits and reform of procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States regarding contingent-owned equipment (A/51/903, A/51/967 and Corr.1, A/52/369 and A/52/410))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: Administrative expenses of UNJSPF (A/52/278); Membership of the Investments Committee

2. Draft report on UNOMIL

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 10 October 1997

GROUP OF 27 OF THE GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH COMMITTEES
(on renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(on Second Committee organizational matters)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Forum

The Nineteenth Annual Forum of the Parliamentarians for Global Action, entitled "Crafting Lasting Peace", will be held *today*, 10 October 1997, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8 and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

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Briefing

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations will be held at 12.30 p.m. in room S-226.

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Announcement

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 13 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 3

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 3

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	4thmeeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 1

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will begin the general debate on its agenda items on Monday, 13 October 1997. Delegations are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers, as soon as possible, with the secretariat (tel.: 963-5584).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, are open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212- 963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

The following advance unedited documents under agenda item 95 (Macroeconomic policy questions: (a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries; and (d) External debt crisis and development) are available outside of room DC2-2126: Report of the Secretary-General on global financial integration: an update; and Report of the Secretary-General on sources for the financing of development.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with the programme contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935 or 963-1712).

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The 187th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Wednesday, 15 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6. Delegations are encouraged to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise in the Committee, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/49/46, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary or the Chairman of the Committee (room S-3420D), any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

In accordance with the decision taken at its resumed organizational session on 5 September 1997, the Committee for Programme and Coordination will hold its resumed thirty-seventh session at United Nations Headquarters for up to 5 days beginning Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/AC.51/1997/1/Add.1.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 14 October 1997 at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-second session of the Commission (2-13 March 1998). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and armed conflict; (2) human rights of women; (3) the girl child; and (4) violence against women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC2-1216), *no later than* Friday, 31 October 1997.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a closed meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 14 October 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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The first meeting of the International Steering Committee for the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth will be convened at Headquarters, in cooperation with the United Nations, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Antonio Jose Martins Seguro, Secretary of State for Youth of the Republic of Portugal, from 14 to 16 October 1997. The International Steering Committee is open to all Member States, Non-member States maintaining permanent observer missions at Headquarters, and intergovernmental organizations, other organizations and entities which have received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly. Among the issues to be discussed will be the adoption of the Committee's rules of procedure, including the accreditation of other observers from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. The provisional agenda for the meeting of the Steering Committee is available at the Permanent Mission of Portugal (tel. (212) 759-9444) and at the office of the United Nations Youth Unit (DESA/ DSPD) ((212) 963-2791).

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Briefing

A briefing on the United Nations Stand-by-Forces High Readiness Brigade, SHIRBRIG, will be held on Monday, 20 October 1997, from 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The presentation is prepared to the benefit of permanent representatives, peacekeeping experts and military advisers, as well as Secretariat staff. The presentation will be given by the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jorgen Bøjer, and the Commanding Officer of SHIRBRIG, Brigadier General Finn Særmark-Thomsen. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-discussion period.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 8 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

29th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/52/350/Add.3) [120]

The General Assembly took note that Equatorial Guinea had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

United Nations reform: measures and proposals [157]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950);

(b) Conference room papers (A/52/CRP.1 and 2)

The President made a statement.

On the proposal of the President, the General Assembly decided to continue its consideration of agenda item 157 in open-ended informal consultations of the plenary.

Also on the proposal of the President, the General Assembly agreed that the first meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals) be held immediately after the adjournment of the 29th plenary meeting.

Thursday, 9 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

The Chairman made a statement. Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mexico and the United States.

The Committee adopted its programme of work and timetable as contained in A/C.1/52/CRP.1

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement and also informed delegations that comments on the unedited transcript (A/C.1/51/T.8) should be submitted to the Secretariat no later than 31 October 1997.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 5th meeting

Note: The summary of the 5th meeting of the Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/197).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 9 OCTOBER 1997

424th and 425th (closed) meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement on the Establishment of the International Vaccine Institute, opened for signature at New York on 28 October 1996

Signature: Turkey (9 October 1997)

Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, done at New York on 10 June 1958

Accession: Paraguay (8 October 1997)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 13 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 3

General debate on all disarmament and international security items (items 62 to 82) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Request for hearing (A/C.4/52/6)
2. Agenda items 18, 90, 91, 92 and 12 and 93

   General debate on all decolonization agenda items: item 18 (A/52/23 (Parts II, V-VI), A/C.4/52/L.3 and L.4), A/AC.109/2071-2072, 2074-2078, 2080-2082, 2084, 2086-2088, 2090); item 90 (A/52/23 (Part IV)* (Chapter VIII), A/52/365); item 91 (A/52/23 (Part III)*); item 92 (A/52/3* (Chapter V, section E), A/52/ 23 (Part IV)* (Chapter VII), A/52/185, A/AC.109/L.1866, E/1987/81 and Add.1); item 93 (A/52/388 and Add.1)
3. Effects of atomic radiation [84] (A/52/46)

   General debate

* To be issued.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Election of a Vice-Chairman
2. Organization of work (A/C.2/52/1, A/C.2/52/L.1/Rev.1)
3. General debate:

   Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

   United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China)
   Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union)
   United States of America
   Bangladesh
   Ghana
   Namibia
   Jordan
   Myanmar
   Russian Federation
   Egypt
   Tunisia

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 2

General debate *(continued)*:

Marshall Islands
Turkey
Malaysia

China
Morocco
Belarus
Cuba
Czech Republic
India

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Organization of work

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and family [102] (A/52/3*, A/52/56, A/52/57, A/52/60, A/52/183, A/52/351*, A/C.3/52/L.2, E/1997/103, E/1997/104)

Introduction and general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 4

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations:

United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi

Management of peacekeeping assets

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.5/52/L.3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [151] (A/52/33, A/52/308, A/52/317)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations reform

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION

Resumed thirty-seventh session

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	30th meeting (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [1] (E/AC.51/1997/Add.1 and E/AC.51/1997/L.2/Rev.1/Add.1)

2. Programme questions [2]

   (a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999

   Section 27C: Office of Human Resources Management

   Section 27E: Conference Services.

   (A/52/6/Rev.1 (Vol. II, sections 27C and 27E) and A/52/16)

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* Following the adjournment of the 8th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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Monday, 13 October 1997

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 46: Implementation of the World Summit for Social Development)

1.30 p.m.- 2.30 p.m.	**closed meeting**	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	**closed meeting**	Conference Room 4

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of the co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.4/52/L.4 on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Announcement

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 14 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	30th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 3

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 1

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

The 2nd and 3rd meetings of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals) will be held on Wednesday, 15 October 1997, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Professor Gerald K. Helleiner from the University of Toronto will be the keynote speaker during an informal meeting of the Second Committee on Wednesday, 15 October 1997, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Professor Helleiner will address the question "What kind of a finance conference would the world need?". All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Members of the Fifth Committee are reminded that the deadline for the submission of candidatures to fill the vacant posts in subsidiary organs of the General Assembly under agenda item 17 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) will be Monday, 20 October 1997.

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Briefings

There will be an informal briefing by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, for delegations on Friday, 17 October 1997, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The briefing will include a discussion of preparations for the meetings of the Third Committee on item 105 (Advancement of women) and item 106 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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A briefing on the United Nations Stand-by-Forces High Readiness Brigade, SHIRBRIG, will be held on Monday, 20 October 1997, from 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The presentation is prepared to the benefit of permanent representatives, peacekeeping experts and military advisers, as well as Secretariat staff. The presentation will be given by the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jorgen Bøjer, and the Commanding Officer of SHIRBRIG, Brigadier General Finn Særmark-Thomsen. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-discussion period.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 9 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 5th meeting

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Question of Gibraltar

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, The Honourable Peter Caruana, Chief Minister of Gibraltar, made a statement.

Question of the Small Territories

On the basis of a decision taken at the 4th meeting, the Committee heard a statement by Dr. Carlyle Corbin, representative for External Affairs, Government of the United States Virgin Islands (A/C.4/52/5).

Question of Western Sahara

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

On the basis of decisions taken at the 3rd and 4th meetings, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Jean Paul Lecoq, Mayor of Gonfreville l'Orcher, France, on behalf of the French elected signatories which are listed in A/C.4/52/4, Mr. Felipe Briones Vives, Federación Estatal de Instituciones Solidarias con el Pueblo Saharaui (A/C.4/52/4/Add.1), Mr. Ahmed Boukhari, Frente Polisario (A/C.4/52/4/Add.2) and Ms. Teresa K. Smith de Cherif, Sahara Fund, Inc. (A/C.4/52/4/Add.3).

Mr. Lecoq and Mr. Briones Vives replied to questions posed to them by the representative of Morocco.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the Under-Secretaries-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services and Political Affairs, as well as by the Chairman.

The Under-Secretaries-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services and Political Affairs replied to questions posed to them by the representatives of Papua New Guinea, Portugal, the Syrian Arab Republic, New Zealand, India, Côte d'Ivoire, Argentina, Luxembourg, the Russian Federation and Romania.

The representative of the United States made a statement on a point of order.

The Committee decided, on the proposal of the Chairman, to set Wednesday, 16 October 1997, as the deadline for the submission of any draft proposals on item 18 and amendments relating to the recommendations of the Special Committee of 24 on the items on its agenda and to take action on all of the items on Monday, 27 October.

Friday, 10 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 6th meeting

Requests for hearing

The Committee considered one communication containing a request for hearing relating to Guam (A/C.4/52/2/Add.7), under agenda item 18, which it decided to grant.

The Chairman informed the Committee of the receipt of one communication containing a request for hearing relating to New Caledonia, under agenda item 18, which the Committee decided to circulate as a Committee document.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Question of Guam

With the Committee's consent and in accordance with established practice, the representative of the Governor of Guam made a statement.

Hearing of petitioners

On the basis of decisions taken at the 3rd, 4th and at the outset of this meeting, the Committee heard statements by Congressman Robert A. Underwood, Member, Congress of the United States (A/C.4/52/2/Add.4), Senator Mark Charfauros, on behalf of twenty-fourth Guam Legislature (A/C.4/52/2/Add.5), Ms. Hope Cristobal, Organization of People for Indigenous Rights (A/C.4/52/2), Mr. Ronald Teehan, Guam Landowners Association (A/C.4/52/2/Add.1), Mr. Jose Ulloa Garrido, Nasion Chamoru (A/C.4/52/2), Ms. Patricia Garrido, Ancestral Landowners Association (A/C.4/52/2/Add.2), and Mr. Patrick San Nicholas, Chamorro Tribe of the Mariana Islands (A/C.4/52/2/Add.7).

Mr. Teehan replied to questions posed to him by the representatives of Cuba and Papua New Guinea.

Mr. Garrido replied to a question posed to him by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 90, 91, 92 and 12 and 93

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Brazil, Tunisia, Pakistan, Spain and the United Kingdom.

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee decided, without objection, to include the delegations of the Marshall Islands, Morocco and Ethiopia in the list of speakers under agenda item 18.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 15th plenary meeting of the General Assembly held on Monday, 29 September 1997 (see *Journal* No. 1997/188, p.8): the summary should read as follows:

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/52/350/Add.1) [120]

The General Assembly took note that the Republic of Moldova had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

H.E. The Hon. Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister and Minister for National Security, Foreign Affairs, Finance, Planning and Information of Saint Kitts and Nevis.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Chong-Ha Yoo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, H.E. Professor S. Jayakumar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore, H.E. Mr. Amre Moussa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt, H.E. Mr. Michael John Powles, Chairman of the Delegation of New Zealand, H.E. Mr. Ali Osman Mohamed Taha, Minister for External Relations of the Sudan, H.E. Mr. David Levy, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Israel, and H.E. Mr. Nicolae Tabacaru, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS
OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 10 OCTOBER 1997

426th meeting

Adoption of the report

The Committee adopted its draft report.

Closure of the session

The Chairperson declared the sixteenth session of the Committee closed.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies, approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 21 November 1947

Accession: Estonia (8 October 1997)*

Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, concluded at Espoo (Finland) on 25 February 1991

Ratification: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (10 October 1997)*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Njuguna M. Mahugu

Asian States:
Turkmenistan
H.E. Mrs. Aksoltan T. Ataeva

Eastern European States:
Azerbaijan
H.E. Mr. Eldar G. Kouliev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Venezuela
H.E. Mr. Ramón Escovar-Salom

Western European and Other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Louis Wolzfeld

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TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 1997 No. 1997/198

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 14 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 30th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 3

General debate on all disarmament and international security items (items 62 to 82) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 2

General debate *(continued)*:

Mexico
Peru
Senegal
Algeria
Papua New Guinea
Indonesia
Kazakhstan
Ethiopia
Ukraine
Zimbabwe
International Monetary Fund (IMF)
Fiji
Israel

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 6th meeting Conference Room 2

General debate *(continued)*:

Republic of Korea
Philippines
Czech Republic
Syrian Arab Republic
Uruguay
Guatemala
Saudi Arabia
Japan
Jamaica
Slovakia
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
Poland
Columbia
Azerbaijan
South Africa
Malawi
Organization of African Unity (OAU)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 1

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and family [102] (A/52/3*, A/52/56, A/52/57-E/1997/4, A/52/60-E/1997/6, A/52/80-E/1997/14, A/52/183, A/52/328, A/52/351, A/C.3/52/L.2, A/C.3/52/L.3, E/1997/103, E/1997/104)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [151] (A/52/33, A/52/308, A/52/317)

2. United Nations Decade of International Law [146]

   (a) United Nations Decade of International Law (A/52/363)

   (b) Action to be taken in 1999 dedicated to the centennial of the first International Peace Conference and to the closing of the United Nations Decade of International Law (A/C.6/52/L.2 and A/C.6/52/3)

   (c) Draft guiding principles for international negotiations (A/52/141)

Afternoon*	informal meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Secretary-General on the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and the Repertoire of Practice of the Security Council (A/52/317): introduction by the Legal Counsel

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Afternoon**-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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* Following the adjournment of the 8th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the informal consultations on the draft resolution on the law of the Sea (see p.4).

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Meeting with the Secretary-General

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION

Resumed thirty-seventh session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	31st meeting (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	32nd meeting (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Programme questions [2]

   (b) United Nations reform: measures and proposals

   Relevant sections of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303)

   Introduction and general discussion

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), *today*, 14 October 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

Announcements

Advanced unedited copy of the report of the Secretary-General on "Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership" is available outside of room S-2994.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 14 October 1997

GROUP OF 77
(on Second Committee organizational matters)

9.15 a.m.- 9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
1.30 p.m.- 2.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP:

OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON AGENDA ITEM 157

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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The first (closed) meeting of the International Steering Committee for the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth, organized in cooperation with the United Nations, will take place *today*, 14 October 1997, from 12.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Antonio Jose Martins Seguro, Secretary of State for Youth of the Republic of Portugal. The International Steering Committee is open to all Member States, Non-member States maintaining permanent observer missions at Headquarters, and intergovernmental organizations, other organizations and entities which have received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly. Among the issues to be discussed will be the adoption of the Committee's rules of procedure, including the accreditation of other observers from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations of the draft resolution on the Law of the Sea *today*, 14 October 1997, following the adjournment of the informal meeting of the Sixth Committee on the report of the Secretary-General on the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and the Repertoire of Practice of the Security Council (see p.2), in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 October 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 6 October will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 15 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 3

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 2

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

The 2nd and 3rd meetings of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals) will be held on Wednesday, 15 October 1997, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, for an exchange of views on the actions and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950). Members will also have before them Conference Room Papers A/52/CRP.1 and 2 as well as the Informal List of Measures and Proposals provided by the Secretariat on 7 October 1997.

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

Interested delegations are invited to attend an informal briefing on the work of the Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation on Wednesday, 15 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Professor Gerald K. Helleiner from the University of Toronto will be the keynote speaker during an informal meeting of the Second Committee on Wednesday, 15 October 1997, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Professor Helleiner will address the question "What kind of a finance conference would the world need?". This is the first in a series of keynote addresses and panel discussions for the Second Committee, organized, in part, with the support of the United Nations University. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

There will be an informal briefing by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, for delegations on Friday, 17 October 1997, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The briefing will include a discussion of preparations for the meetings of the Third Committee on item 105 (Advancement of women) and item 106 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Members of the Fifth Committee are reminded that the deadline for the submission of candidatures to fill the vacant posts in subsidiary organs of the General Assembly under agenda item 17 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) will be Monday, 20 October 1997.

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The 187th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Wednesday, 15 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6. Delegations are encouraged to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise in the Committee, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/49/46, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary or the Chairman of the Committee (room S-3420D), any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

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The thirty-second session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will be convened on Thursday, 16 October 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The resumed substantive session of the Committee on Conferences will be held on Tuesday, 21 October 1997, in Conference Room 8 at 10 a.m. The agenda and related documentation for the session will be as follows: Review of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Conference Services (A/52/6 (Section 27E) and A/52/303) [4]

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-second session of the Commission (2-13 March 1998). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and armed conflict; (2) human rights of women; (3) the girl child; and (4) violence against women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC2-1216), *no later than* Friday, 31 October 1997.

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Briefing

A briefing on the United Nations Stand-by-Forces High Readiness Brigade, SHIRBRIG, will be held on Monday, 20 October 1997, from 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The presentation is prepared to the benefit of permanent representatives, peacekeeping experts and military advisers, as well as Secretariat staff. The presentation will be given by the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jorgen Bøjer, and the Commanding Officer of SHIRBRIG, Brigadier General Finn Særmark-Thomsen. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-discussion period.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 13 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

The Chairman made a substantive statement on disarmament issues. Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Ecuador, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico and the Sudan.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 7th meeting

Floods in Mexico

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, extended his deepest sympathy to the Government and to the people of Mexico for the tragic loss of lives and extensive material damage which had resulted from the recent floods.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

Requests for hearing

The Committee considered one communication containing a request for hearing relating to New Caledonia (A/C.4/52/6), under agenda item 18, which it decided to grant.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 90, 91, 92 and 12 and 93

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Bahrain, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Marshall Islands, Morocco, Ethiopia, Colombia, and Zimbabwe.

The representative of France made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Chairman made a statement.

Effects of Atomic Radiation [84]

The Chairman drew attention to the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation contained in document A/52/46.

The representative of Germany introduced the related report (A/52/46) and the draft resolution.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. the same day.

The general debate began with a statement by the representatives of the Marshall Islands and Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia), India and Brazil.

Organization of work

The Chairman reminded the Committee on the deadline for submission of any draft proposals on item 18 or amendments relating to the recommendations of the Special Committee on the decolonization items is on Thursday, 16 October, at 6 p.m.

SECOND COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Election of officers

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Dr. Adel Abdellatif (Egypt), as Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman orally revised the programme of work, as contained in document A/C.2/52/L.1/Rev.1.

The Committee then adopted the programme of work, as orally revised.

The Chairman reported on the informal consultations, which had been held in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/227.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China),

Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union; Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia and Cyprus aligned themselves with this statement, as did Norway), the United States, Bangladesh, Ghana, Namibia, Jordan, Myanmar, the Russian Federation and Egypt.

4th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Tunisia, the Marshall Islands, Viet Nam, Turkey, Malaysia, China, Morocco, Belarus, Cuba and India.

THIRD COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Statement of the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs addressed the Committee.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [102]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria, the United States, Paraguay (on behalf of the Rio Group), the Netherlands, Japan, Ecuador, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador and Morocco.

The representatives of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (UNESCO) also made statements.

Organization of work

The Chairman proposed that, owing to the Plenary informal consultations on reform, scheduled for Wednesday, 15 October, in the morning and afternoon, the Committee cancel its two meetings on Wednesday and move them to Friday, 17 October, in order to allow delegations to attend the Plenary consultations. The deadline for the submission of draft proposals under the item would consequently be changed to Friday, 17 October, at 6 p.m.

The Chairman reminded the Committee that it would suspend its work on Thursday, 16 October, in order to enable members to participate in the Plenary discussion of item 46 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development).

The Chairman informed the Committee of consultations already underway on a draft resolution on the rights of the child (coordinated by the United Kingdom). In addition, the Chairman announced that Mr. Karim Wissa (Egypt) would conduct informal consultations on a possible comprehensive draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women.

The Chairman also informed the Committee about the possibility of holding executive briefings, jointly with the Second Committee, on the following subjects: children, human rights and development; and poverty and related social issues.

The Chairman announced that the date on which the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights would attend the Committee had been changed from Wednesday, 12 November, to Friday, 14 November.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 8th meeting

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]

(a) *Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the agenda subitem and had before it a draft resolution (A/C.5/52/L.3) on the question of the United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi and the management of peacekeeping assets: fields assets control system, submitted by the Chairman following informal consulta- tions.

The representative of Mexico, Coordinator of the informal consultations on these questions, introduced the draft resolution (A/C.5/52/L.3), which was adopted by the Committee, without a vote.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of the United States.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 6th and 7th meetings

Note: The summary of the 6th and 7th meetings of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/199).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, adopted at the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties at Geneva on 22 September 1995

Ratification: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (13 October 1997)*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

New United Nations stamps and souvenir card

Today, 14 October 1997, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps and a souvenir card on the theme "Tribute to Philately". The new stamps, first-day covers, souvenir card and hand cancellations can be obtained by members of delegations and the staff at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby *today* from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Details about the new stamps and souvenir card can be found in information circular ST/IC/1997/63.

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 15 October 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1132 (1997)
CONCERNING SIERRA LEONE

3 p.m.	1st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	31st PLENARY MEETING	*Conference Room 4*

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/453) [142 (a)].

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157
(United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

Immediately following the adjournment of the plenary meeting	2nd meeting (closed)	*Conference Room 4*
3 p.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	*Conference Room 4*

Exchange of views on the actions contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950). Members will also have before them Conference Room Papers A/52/CRP.1, 2 and 3 as well as the Informal List of Measures and Proposals provided by the Secretariat on 7 October 1997*.

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Committees

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3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 3

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SECOND COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 2

General debate *(continued)*:

South Africa
Sudan
Lesotho
Dominican Republic
Pakistan
Venezuela
Australia
Singapore

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4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 2

General debate (continued):

Ecuador
United Arab Emirates
Nigeria
Mongolia
Kenya
Nepal
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Malta
Bulgaria
El Salvador
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Romania
Qatar
Yemen
Rwanda
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Iraq
Nicaragua

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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(c) Draft guiding principles for international negotiations (A/ 52/141)

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Morning*- 1 p.m.	2nd meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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* Following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	187th meeting	Conference Room 6

1. Transportation: use of motor vehicles, parking and related matters
2. Insurance and health
3. Other matters

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (A/51/ 519/Add.5 and Corr.1)
2. Draft repot on UNAVEM III/MONUA

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION

Resumed thirty-seventh session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	33rd meeting (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	34th meeting (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Programme questions [2]

(b) United Nations reform: measures and proposals

Relevant sections of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303)

Section 26: Communications and public information

Section 1B: General Assembly affairs and conference services

Section 2A: Political affairs

Section 2B: Disarmament

Section 22: Human rights

Section 27A: Administration, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management

Section 27C: Administration, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts

Section 27D: Administration, Support services

Section 1A: Overall policy-making, direction and coordination

Section 6: Legal affairs

Section 14: Crime control

Section 34: Development account

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Informal briefing

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

Interested delegations are invited by the Chairman of the Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation to attend an informal briefing on the work of the Scientific Committee *today*, 15 October 1997, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Advanced unedited copy of the report of the Secretary-General on "Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership" is available outside of room S-2994.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 15 October 1997

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)

9.15 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

WORKSHOP ON THE ART OF PUBLIC SPEAKING AND MANAGING MEETINGS (CHAIRING AND PARTICIPATING)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

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The first (closed) meeting of the International Steering Committee for the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth, organized in cooperation with the United Nations, will continue *today*, 15 October 1997, from 12.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Antonio Jose Martins Seguro, Secretary of State for Youth of the Republic of Portugal. The International Steering Committee is open to all Member States, Non-member States maintaining permanent observer missions at Headquarters, and intergovernmental organizations, other organizations and entities which have received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly. Among the issues to be discussed will be the adoption of the Committee's rules of procedure, including the accreditation of other observers from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 October 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 6 October will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 16 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 32nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/305) [46].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 3

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 2

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

10 a.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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THIRD COMMITTEE

There will be an informal briefing by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, for delegations on Friday, 17 October 1997, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The briefing will include a discussion of preparations for the meetings of the Third Committee on item 105 (Advancement of women) and item 106 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

There will be an executive briefing and dialogue with the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Nitin Desai, on Monday, 20 October 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Members of the Fifth Committee are reminded that the deadline for the submission of candidatures to fill the vacant posts in subsidiary organs of the General Assembly under agenda item 17 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) will be Monday, 20 October 1997.

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The thirty-second session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will be convened on Thursday, 16 October 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The resumed substantive session of the Committee on Conferences will be held on Tuesday, 21 October 1997, in Conference Room 8 at 10 a.m. The agenda and related documentation for the session will be as follows: Review of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Conference Services (A/52/6 (Section 27E) and A/52/303) [4]

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-second session of the Commission (2-13 March 1998). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and armed conflict; (2) human rights of women; (3) the girl child; and (4) violence against women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC2-1216), *no later than* Friday, 31 October 1997.

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Briefing

A briefing on the United Nations Stand-by-Forces High Readiness Brigade, SHIRBRIG, will be held on Monday, 20 October 1997, from 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The presentation is prepared to the benefit of permanent representatives, peacekeeping experts and military advisers, as well as Secretariat staff. The presentation will be given by the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jorgen Bøjer, and the Commanding Officer of SHIRBRIG, Brigadier General Finn Særmark-Thomsen. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-discussion period.

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Seminar

A Seminar on Accounting for Sustainable Development, organized by the Macroeconomics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Wednesday, 22 October 1997 at 11 a.m. in MD Conference Room DC2-2127. The seminar will be conducted by Dr. Peter Bartelmus, Chief of the Environment, Energy and Industrial Statistics Branch of the United Nations Statistics Division. All interested members of delegations and United Nations staff are invited to attend. Queries: Mr. Henk-Jan Brinkman (tel.: 963-4742).

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 13 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE — 6th and 7th meetings

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [151]

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Malaysia, the Sudan, Algeria, the United Kingdom, Tunisia, China, Nepal, Australia, the Republic Islamic of Iran, Mexico, Turkey, Egypt, Mozambique, Zambia, Cuba, Ukraine, Jordan, Belarus, Malta, Indonesia, Lesotho, Malawi, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Russian Federation, Japan, the United States, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Venezuela, the Czech Republic, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, France, the Syrian Arab Republic, Chile, the United Republic of Tanzania, Iraq, Argentina, Ghana, Uruguay and Brazil.

The Chairman also spoke.

Tuesday, 14 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

30th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/52/350/Add.4) [120]

The General Assembly took note that Dominica had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)]

The President made a statement.

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Bahrain, Brazil, Gabon, the Gambia and Slovenia were elected members of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 1998.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 15.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 4th meeting

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements by the representatives of New Zealand, the United States, Japan, Canada, China, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Fiji, Colombia and Switzerland.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 3rd meeting of the First Committee (see *Journal* No. 1997/198, p. 7): the summary should read as follows:

The Chairman made a substantive statement on disarmament issues. Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Ecuador, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and associated States), Malaysia, Mexico and the Sudan.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 5th meeting

General debate (continued)

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Algeria, Senegal, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Peru, Ukraine, Zimbabwe, Fiji, Israel and Kazakhstan.

The representative of the International Monetary Fund also made a statement.

6th meeting

General debate (continued)

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Czech Republic, the Syrian Arab Republic, Uruguay (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay), Guatemala, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Jamaica (also on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago and Suriname), Slovakia, Azerbaijan, Colombia and Malawi.

The representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization made a statement.

The representative of the Organization for African Unity also made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [102]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Denmark, Austria, Norway, China, Singapore and the Republic of Korea.

A statement was also made by the observer for the Holy See.

5th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 102.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the Marshall Islands, Venezuela, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, the Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Nepal, Costa Rica, the Syrian Arab Republic and Israel.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 8th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [151]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Viet Nam, Guatemala, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic and Italy.

United Nations Decade on International Law [146]

Statements were made by the representatives of Paraguay (on behalf of the Group of Rio), the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), China, Slovakia, France and Mongolia.

The Chairman also spoke.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 December 1984

Signature: India (14 October 1997)

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994, concluded at Geneva on 26 January 1994

Ratification: Greece (13 October 1997)*

Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 21 May 1997

Signature: Luxembourg (14 October 1997)

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

A commemorative ceremony to observe the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, co-sponsored by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs/Division for Social Policy and Development, in collaboration with A.T.D. Fourth World, a non-governmental organization, will be held on Friday, 17 October 1997, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the United Nations gardens.

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Mr. James Gustave Speth, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, invites the representatives of Permanent Missions to the United Nations, the media, non-governmental organizations and the Secretariat staff to a ceremony to commemorate the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on Friday 17 October 1997, from 5.45 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

On this special occasion, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan will recognize project representatives from Viet Nam, South Africa, El Salvador and from the United States for their outstanding contributions to the eradication of poverty. Ms. Nadine Gordimer, the 1991 Nobel prize winner in literature, will share her views on "A World without Poverty". Film actor and crusader, Danny Glover, will host the event. Dick Gregory, comedian, along with musicians from around the world, will perform.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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